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A letter was read from Victor Audubon, Esq., dated New York, July 21, 1845, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

And a communication from the American Philosophical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the last number of the Proceedings of the Academy.

Stated Meeting, Aug. 12, 1845.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Specimen of the fruit of *Hura crepitans*, and a specimen, in skin, of *Trochilus moschitus* L., from Brazil. From Mr. Theodore Moss.

Two crystals of Selenite, from Ohio. From Mr. Kilvington.

Specimen of *Scutella gibbosa*, Ravenel, from the coast of South Carolina. From Dr. Ravenel, of Charleston.

Eighteen finely mounted specimens of the following species of European Birds, presented by Mr. A. L. Heermann, viz.:

<i>Vultur fulvus</i> , Linn.	<i>Boschas fera</i> , Briss.
<i>Milvus regalis</i> , Briss.	“ <i>crecca</i> , Linn.
<i>Asio bubo</i> , Linn.	<i>Dafila caudacuta</i> , Ray.
<i>Scotophilus Tengmalmii</i> , Selby.	<i>Fuligula cristata</i> , Ray.
<i>Turtur auritus</i> , Ray.	“ <i>ferina</i> , Linn.
<i>Columba livia</i> , Linn.	<i>Mergus serrator</i> , Linn.
<i>Marica penelope</i> , Linn.	<i>Totanus glottis</i> , Linn.
<i>Chauliodus strepera</i> , Linn.	“ <i>calidris</i> , Linn.
<i>Anas clypeata</i> , Linn.	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i> , Linn.

A number of insects, from Oregon. From the same.

Mr. Cassin, from the Curators, announced that the splendid collection of European fossils, belonging to Mr. R. C. Taylor,

which the Society, by a late resolution, had authorized them to receive on deposit, was now in the Hall.

The Chairman, after making some general remarks on Mr. Taylor's cabinet of fossils deposited this evening, read the following abstract of its contents, from a printed circular, which was issued by Mr. Taylor, and which will serve to convey some idea of their extent and value.

The collection is designed to illustrate the principal English formations. The specimens were selected by Mr. Taylor with great care from their respective localities, during a period of 25 years, commencing in 1805; and although since they have subsequently been subjected to frequent removals from place to place, &c., very few have sustained injury. The greater portion is fixed on blocks covered with paper of different colors. Labels attached to the foot of each block, exhibit the generic and specific name of each fossil, arranged according to Sowerby's Mineral Conchology, and referring to the tables or figures in that work.

In Geological arrangement, the collection commences with the English Diluvium, so called, and proceeds downwards, by sections, from the most recent deposit to the oldest which contains organic remains. In conchological classification, the Univalves, Bivalves, and compound shells, are separated in distinct drawers, and reference to any individual or species is further facilitated under this arrangement, by an alphabetical nomenclature.

The collection has been repeatedly subjected to examination by English Professors and Naturalists of celebrity, and their aid obtained in doubtful cases.

The entire number now contained in the collection, amounts probably to about 4000, all arranged in the mode already mentioned, in drawers with sliding glass covers accurately fitted, and a label in the front of each, indicating the formation to which the specimens contained in it belong.

On motion of Mr. Cassin: Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Society be presented to Richard C. Taylor, Esq., for his liberality in making the Academy the depository of his mag-

nificent collection of British Organic Remains, this evening received.

Stated Meeting, Aug. 19, 1845.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Mr. J. H. Richard presented several specimens of Corallines of large size, sulphuret of iron, fossilized wood, a rib and vertebra of an adult whale, and several specimens, in spirits, of different species of fish, crustacea, &c., from the coast of South Carolina.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

A list of the Plants growing spontaneously in the vicinity of Quincy, Florida. By A. W. Chapman, M. D., (from the Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery, Vol. 3, No. 6, new series.) From Dr. C. W. Short.

The Literary Record and Journal of the Linnean Association of Pennsylvania College. July, 1845. Vol. 1, No. 9. From the Association.

Mr. Gambel read a paper intended for publication, entitled "Descriptions of new and little known Birds, collected in Upper California," which was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Cassin, Dr. McEuen and Mr. E. Harris.